

70222 – Mondri Mill, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom

Thank you for consulting the GMEU

Bats

Further dusk survey have been carried out in line with best practice. Bats were again confirmed as roosting in building 1 in low numbers. No further evidence of bats roosting in building 2 was recorded and no evidence of bats roosting building 3 recorded. Given the very low numbers of common pipistrelle bats recorded as roosting, I am satisfied that mitigation can be provided and conservation status of the bats maintained, through provision of bat boxes/bricks etc. A license will also be required from Natural England. Whilst no bats emerged from building 2 in 2024 the consultant has recommended this building is also dealt with under license due to previous roost records. I therefore recommend a condition along the following lines is applied to any permission.

The demolition of building B1 & B2 is likely to cause harm to common pipistrelle bats as identified in the Bat Nocturnal Surveys report by Ascerta Ref: P.1202.19 and shall not in any circumstances commence unless the local planning authority has been provided with either:

a) a license issued by Natural England pursuant to Regulation 55, of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 authorising the specified activity/development go ahead: or

b) a statement in writing form the relevant licensing body or LPA to the effect that it does not consider that the specified development will require a license

They also note that resurveys should occur if demolition is delayed beyond June 2025. In my opinion the next survey season makes more sense. I therefore recommend a condition along the following lines is applied to any permission.

If the demolition hereby approved does not commence before 30th April 2025, the building will be reassessed for bat roosting potential and the finding supplied to and agreed in writing by the LPA.

Ecologist

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